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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2016-0053]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages

requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public

Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice

includes revisions and one extension of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the

information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to

minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other

forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on

the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the

following addresses or fax numbers.

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Or you may submit your comments online through www.regulations.gov, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2016-0053].

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE <u>FEDERAL REGISTER</u>]. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Request for Proof(s) from Custodian of Records -- 20 CFR 404.703, 404.704, **404.720**, **404.721**, **404.723**, **404.725**, **& 404.728** -- **0960-0766**. SSA sends Form SSA-L707, Request for Proof(s) from Custodian of Records, to records custodians on behalf of individuals who need help obtaining evidence of death, marriage, or divorce in connection with claims for benefits. SSA uses the information from the

SSA-L707 to determine eligibility for benefits. The respondents are records custodians including statistics and religious entities, coroners, funeral directors, attending physicians, and State agencies.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
State or Local	501	1	10	84
Government				
Private Sector	99	1	10	17
Totals	600			101

## 2. Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) -- 20 CFR 435.51-435.52 -- 0960-0768. The PABSS projects are part of Social Security's strategy to increase the number of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who return to work and achieve financial independence and self-sufficiency as the result of receiving support, representation, advocacy, or other services. PABSS provides information and advice about obtaining vocational rehabilitation and employment services, and providing advocacy or other services a beneficiary with a disability may need to secure, maintain, or regain gainful employment. The PABSS Annual Program Performance Report collects statistical information from each of the PABSS projects in an effort to manage and capture program performance and quantitative data. Social Security uses the information to evaluate the efficacy of the program, and to ensure beneficiaries receive quality services. The project data is valuable to

Social Security in its analysis of and future planning for the SSDI and SSI programs. The respondents are the 57 PABSS project sites, and recipients of SSDI and SSI programs.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of	Number of	Frequency	Average	Estimated
Completion	Respondents	of Response	Burden per	Total
			Response	Annual
			(minutes)	Burden
				(hours)
PABSS Program	57	1	60	57
Grantees				
Beneficiaries	8,284	1	30	4,142
Totals	8,341			4,199

3. Methods for Conducting Personal Conferences When Waiver of Recovery of a Title II or Title XVI Overpayment Cannot Be Approved -- 20 CFR 404.506(e)(3), 404.506(f)(8), 416.557(c)(3), and 416.557(d)(8) -- 0960-0769. SSA conducts personal conferences when we cannot approve a waiver of recovery of a Title II or Title XVI overpayment. The Social Security Act (Act) and our regulatory citations require SSA to give overpaid Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients the right to request a waiver of recovery and automatically schedule a personal conference if we cannot approve their request for waiver of overpayment. We conduct these conferences face-to-face, via telephone, or through video teleconferences. Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients or their representatives may provide documents to demonstrate they are without fault in causing the overpayment and do not have the ability to repay the debt. They may submit these documents by completing Form SSA-632, Request for Waiver of Overpayment Recovery (OMB No. 0960-0037); Form SSA-795, Statement of Claimant or Other Person (OMB No. 0960-0045); or through a personal statement submitted by mail, telephone, personal contact, or other suitable method, such as fax or email. This information collection satisfies the requirements for request for waiver of recovery of an overpayment, and allows individuals to pursue further levels of administrative appeal via personal conference. Respondents are Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients or their representatives seeking reconsideration of an SSA waiver decision.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
Title II, Personal Conference, 404.506(e)(3) and 404-506(f)(8): submittal of documents, additional mitigating financial information, and verifications for consideration at personal conferences.	19,663	1	30	9,832
Title XVI, Personal Conference, 416.557(c)(3) and 416-557(d)(8): submittal of documents, additional mitigating financial information, and verifications at personal conferences.	56,464	1	30	28,232
Totals	76,127			38,064

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